

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Official Action mailed **December 17, 2003**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-36. Claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Batty et al (USPN 6,223,212, hereinafter "Batty") in view of Bachand et al (USPN 6,101,607, hereinafter "Bachand").

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claims 1, 13, and 25 were rejected as being unpatentable over Batty in view of Bachand. Applicant respectfully points out that Bachand is directed to pre-registering allowed functions for an individual user in a registry **prior to executing the program** (see Bachand, col. 2, lines 23-51).

In contrast, the present invention grants permission to execute a command at run-time on a per-command basis **based on an approval received from a user** of the local computer system (see page10, lines 4-12 of the instant application). There is nothing within Batty or Bachand, either separately or in concert, which suggests granting permission to execute a command on a per-command basis based on an approval received from a user of the local computer system.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 13, and 25 to clarify that the present invention grants permission to execute a command on a per-command basis based on an approval received from a user of the local computer system. These amendments find support on page10, lines 4-12 of the instant application.

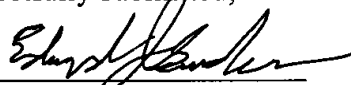
Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 13, and 25 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-12, which depend upon claim 1, claims 14-24, which depend upon claim 13, and claims 26-36, which depend upon claim 25 are for the

same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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